

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1091

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Congregation Beth Israel on the occasion of its 130th Celebration, which took place April 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Israel was organized at a meeting in September of 1876; its first plot of land was purchased on May 26, 1877, at 11th Street and San Jacinto Boulevard, and its first house of worship was built in 1884; and

WHEREAS, Beth Israel joined the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in 1907; in December of 1957, it dedicated its current worship center located on Shoal Creek Boulevard; the building contained an auditorium, a chapel, and 12 classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Israel's membership has grown to more than 670 families; it has followed the evolving Reform Judaic traditions of worship, community involvement, and education; it offers its membership many opportunities to explore and experience the rich treasure of Jewish culture, belief, and practice; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Israel has enjoyed outstanding leaders and teachers over the years, and it has made many contributions to the development of Austin and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Its significance in the history of Travis County was recognized in 1995 when the Travis County Historical Commission placed a historical marker in front of the temple; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate the members of Congregation Beth Israel on its 130th Celebration and extend to all best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Congregation Beth Israel as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate